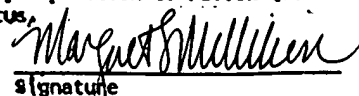


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. <b>09/600363</b>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/AU99/00036	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE January 19, 1999	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED January 19, 1998	
TITLE OF INVENTION PROCESS FOR INCREASING THE MELT STRENGTH OF POLYPROPYLENE		DATE: July 14, 2000	
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Polymers Australia Pty Limited			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
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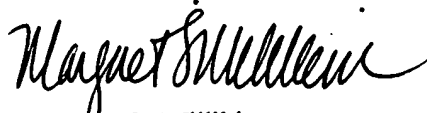
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